

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-C-17-12

Issued at Petersburg, Friday, June 22,  
2012.

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Saturday June 23, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday, July  
15, 2012, unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** The Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057) allows for liberalizing the sport fishery in the marine waters of District 8 when it is determined there is an allowable harvest of Stikine River king salmon. Recent inseason information indicates a terminal run size of 33,629; therefore, managing for the point estimate of 17,400 yields an allowable harvest of 3,391 for the U.S. and 5,739 for Canada. In accordance with the management plan, this level of allowable harvest allows all sport anglers to use two rods each, with a resident bag limit of three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length per day, and a possession limit of six king salmon. The plan also provides for a nonresident bag limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length per day, and a possession limit of two king salmon with an annual limit of six king salmon 28 inches or greater in length. In the marine waters outside of District 8, the provisions of Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-12 issued on March 29, 2012 remain in effect.

**REGULATION:** Consistent with 5 AAC 47.057 Stikine River King Salmon Management Plan, the following regulations become effective from 12:01 a.m. Saturday June 23 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2012:

**5 AAC 47.021 Special provisions for seasons and bag, possession, and size limits, methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(k) In the Petersburg/Wrangell vicinity,

(1) In the waters of District 8 as described in 5 AAC 47.057(d);

- (i) sport fishing for king salmon may be conducted with the use of two rods per angler;
- (ii) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and a possession limit of six king salmon;
- (iii) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length, a possession limit of two king salmon; and an annual limit of six king salmon;
- (iv) operators and crew members working on a charter vessel may not retain king salmon while clients are on board the vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.036(b);
- (v) no more than six lines may be fished from any vessel, as specified in 5 AAC 47.030(b).

Cora Campbell,  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Douglas F. Fleming,  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** The king salmon sport fishery in the marine waters around Petersburg and Wrangell are managed under the directives of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055) and may be modified by the Stikine River King salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.057). The objective of the management plan is to allow for additional sport fishing opportunity when it is projected the Stikine River king salmon run will exceed escapement needs and an allowable harvest is available. The most recent inseason abundance estimate indicates a terminal run size of 33,629. Therefore, managing for the point estimate of 17,400 yields an allowable harvest of 3,391 for the U.S. and 5,739 for Canada.

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